

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 16, as follows:

In some embodiments, it may be desirable to prevent replacement of the fingerprint detecting device 10 with another device 10 which may aid in circumventing the protection provided by the fingerprint identifying device 10. For example, in some embodiments, the detecting device may be a mouse that may include a memory such as a FLASH memory which stores a device 10 identification number which is a unique identification number for each such device 10. In an initial set-up program in the host computer, an identification number may be recorded. If a different device 10 (such as a new mouse) is plugged into the host computer with a different number or no number at all, a computer may refuse to accept the new mouse capability. The software check of the device 10 may be done continuously or may be done during an initial log-on sequence or at boot-up.